



# At the Theatres.

## "The Prodigal Son."

Beginning to-morrow with the usual matinee, the George Fawcett Company, which is winning great favor with the theatregoers of this city, will present for the first time in this city "The Prodigal Son," the dramatization of Hall Caine's powerful novel of the same name. In the play the full force of the novel is retained in a sequence of its most intensely dramatic situations woven together with atmospheric dialogue and a number of picturesque scenes, which form an attractive feature in themselves.

The play is varied and continues in its movement and overflowing with rich local coloring in its development. Iceland is the habitat of two brothers, the elder a true Norseman in his sturdy strength, but shy and awkward, the younger, the prodigal, volatile, with all the caprices of the musical temperament and fascinatingly wilful. They both love the same sweet maiden, Thora Nelson. The younger wins her after her betrothal to the elder, through the sacrifice of the elder, but the husband in turn deserts her for her younger and more beautiful sister, Helga, within the first year of their married life. The young wife discovers the treachery of those who have held most dear in the time of her greatest weakness, and it proves her deathblow. The husband, overcome with remorse and denounced by the kindred of both, wanders to other lands, to return after a lapse of years to find his child developing into the dear likeness of her dead mother, and to later prove his salvation.

The part of Thora Nelson, the deserted wife, will be played by Miss Percy Haswell, and her wonderfully realistic portrayal will be a revelation to those who heretofore have regarded the light comedy as her métier. As the pretty, tender, guileless maiden, the gentle, loving wife, finally stirred to frenzy by the discovery of trust betrayed; and in the final scene as the daughter, Ella, gay, winsome and girlish, she is wonderful in her versatility, and holds her audience every moment, the surest test of dramatic ability. In this last scene she sings a word little Scandinavian melody, and as rendered in her exquisite voice, it is one of the most charming songs imaginable. At the conclusion of the same act an old Icelandic New Year card is introduced with rare effect. Miss Molly Brady as Helga, the selfish, unscrupulous younger sister, makes an excellent characterization. Regan Hughton as the Prodigal gives a finished performance, while Walter D. Greene as the elder, self-sacrificing brother, is genuinely excellent. The remaining support, including Robert Peyton Carter,



MISS PERCY HASWELL as Thora Nelson in "The Prodigal Son."

Brandon Hurst, Allen Fawcett, Brigham Royce, Charles Gay, George Drigrell, Sidney Parsons, Hooker Acheson, Angela McCaul, Ella Hugh Wood and Florence Gay, are excellent in two parts for which they have been cast. The scenic setting is most elaborate and realistic, and adds much to the general finish and beauty of the production. "The Night Before Christmas." The first act shows an interior of homely comfort at the farm, the home of Stephenson Magnusson, the Governor-General of Iceland, the open window revealing the picturesque vista of fjord and mountain without. The second shows the

living-room of the government house; third, the most elaborate, the ballroom in a casino on the fjord on a carnival night, while the last takes us back to the Inn Faria, in its majestic environment of Icelandic winter.

The production will be one of the most pretentious presented in this city this season.

## "The Night Before Christmas."

The attraction at the Bijou for the week beginning to-morrow will be Hal Reid's masterpiece of rural life entitled, "The Night Before Christmas." The scene is laid in and around Xenia, O., and the characters are drawn from the people and clime that has given our country so many of its great statesmen and soldiers.

The story is of a young man, son of a prominent judge, who is sowing his wild oats. His waywardness is not as great as his father imagines, and he is sent into the country to his grandmother's, whose good influence, it is hoped, will reform him. The son falls in love with a pretty country girl of doubtful parentage, and through his love for this young woman he quite drinks. On Christmas Eve, while the girl and boy are decorating the church for Christmas service, Bud Means enters and insults Jack and Marion, and the two men go into the churchyard and fight. Jack forcing Means to apologize. As Means leaves the churchyard he meets a tramp, who proves to be the husband of the woman he had ruined years previous. The tramp kills Means. Jack and Marion enter and find Means's body. Circumstances lead Jack to being the murderer; he is arrested, and his father is forced to try him in his own court; the jury convicts him, and the father pronounces the sentence of death. The last act shows the Governor's Mansion; Judge Phillips has been elected Governor and sworn in office. The Governor refuses to pardon his own son, and on the eve of his execution the warden brings the son to the capital in order that he may say good-by to his family. Just at this moment the tramp appears and confesses to the murder. The son is pardoned and all ends happily.

The attraction carries some extremely beautiful scenic and mechanical effects, and the various characters are handled in a very capable manner. As a whole the attraction should prove a very pleasing offering.

## San Francisco's Scandal.

"The labor union" government of San Francisco is exactly as responsible for the gross corruption exposed during its tenure of power as a Republican or Democratic government would be—no more and no less. Labor in politics, it can at least be said, does not necessarily serve as a cleaning agent. The conditions in San Francisco were undoubtedly vile for long before Mayor Schmitz reached office, with Rufus as his puppet chief of staff, but the political rise of unionism in that city has seemed to afford the spoilers a new and exceptional opportunity for their looting operations. The great mass of labor unionists are honest men, and they desire good government, like the great mass of people in general, but they allow themselves to be come under the political control of detestable leaders, just as the decent people do throughout the land—Springfield Republican.

## Opportunity.

They do not want who say I come no more. When once I knock and fail to find you in. For every day I stand outside your door, And bid you wake, and rise to light and win.

—Walter Malone, in The Printing Art.

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Have you tried our Silver King Flour? Best on the market. Per barrel, \$4.40; or, per bag.....28c  
1-lb. package Fine Creamery Butter.....22c

Mason's Porcelain Top Jar, 2 quarts, 50c dozen; 1-2 gallon, per dozen.....70c  
Large package Gold Dust, for cleaning, 6 for.....25c  
Small size, 2 for.....5c

3 Bars Witch Hazel Soap, for the toilet, 3 in box.....10c  
Duffy Malt Whiskey, per bottle.....85c  
2 lbs. Mountain Roll Butter for 25c

Snowflake Patent Family Flour, \$3.90 per barrel; or, per sack, 25c  
Soda Crackers or Ginger Snaps, per pound.....4c  
Sugar Corn, 4 cans for.....25c

Large Bottles Essence Lemon and Vanilla.....5c  
Smoked Yarnmouth Bloaters, per dozen.....25c  
Best Oil Sardines, 7 for.....25c

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Three plus Grape, Lemon, and Peach Sun-Cured, Apple and Peach for.....25c

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Best Frankfurt Sausage, lb.....9c  
1-Pound Package Cleaned Currants.....10c

Cracker Dust and Oyster Crackers, per pound.....6c  
Good Salt Pork, per lb.....8 1/2c  
Cottage Hams, not a bone in them, 12c per lb.....12c

Best Sugar-Cured Hams, per pound.....16c  
Smithfield Country Hams, per pound.....18c  
Best Breakfast Bacon, pound.....16c

Ullman's Pride Roasted Coffee, 2 pkgs. for.....25c  
New Clipped Herring, per doz.....10c  
Quart Bottle Tomato Catsup.....10c

Large Juicy Lemons, 11-12 dozen for.....25c  
Good Carolina Rice, per pound.....6c  
1/2-lb. package Salada Tea.....15c

Mothers' Oats, package.....9c  
Fresh Roasted Lagayra Coffee, per pound.....12 1/2c  
Mixed Sweet Pickles, qt. bottles.....10c

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Whole Sweet Pickles, per qt.....10c  
Sweet Catwina or Blackberry Wine, 1/2 qt. for.....50c

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California Hams, lb.....11c  
Try our Green or Mixed Tea; a regular 60c Tea, now selling at.....40c

Large cans Salmon.....10c  
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Large cans.....10c

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Grape-Nuts or Postum.....12c  
Best Scotch Herring, per box.....12c

New North Carolina Roe Herring, per dozen.....20c  
One-half gallon cans Best Golden Crown Syrup.....18c  
Puff Matches, every one strikes; per dozen.....4c

3 lbs. Washing Soda for.....4c  
Virginia Pride Coffee, 1-lb. package.....14c  
Country Jowls, per pound.....9c

Large cans California Table Peaches, 3 for.....50c  
Potted Ham and Tongue, 3 for.....10c  
Concentrated Tomatoes, in cans, for soup.....5c

Try our Star Brand Gelatine; none better, package.....5c  
Two bars Kitchen Soap, for cleaning, for.....5c  
Butter Biscuits, none better, per package.....4c

Large cans Mackerel Sardines.....8c  
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## Queries AND Answers

"East Lynne." Has any sequel to "East Lynne" ever been published? J. F. A. We do not know of one.

Old Coin. Can you tell me the value of a Columbian half-dollar? J. T. B. Seventy cents.

Mr. Washington. Will you tell me if General Washington was ever in Richmond? A SUBSCRIBER. Yes.

Old Coin. Is there any premium on a half-dollar of 1907? G. W. S. No.

Sir Walter Raleigh. Is it certain that Raleigh was ever in America? C. A. J. It is practically certain that he never was.

Confederate Note. Has the Confederate note (\$10.00) of 1863 any value? R. L. W. About forty cents a hundred. It is probably counterfeit.

English Estate. My people think they are heirs to a vast estate in Ireland. To whom shall I write for information, etc.? W. S. P. Court of Chancery, London, England, will probably put you on the track.

Collateral Ancestor. When one person is said to be a collateral ancestor of another, have the two a common ancestor? IGNORAMUS.

Yes, it's collateral ancestors are his uncles, great-uncles, great-grand-uncles, etc.

Teachers' Certificates. Can you tell me what schools there are whose diplomas entitle the holders to certificates as teachers in the public schools of Virginia? F. I.

The matter is somewhat complicated. A letter to the Department of Education, Richmond, Va., will bring you the information.

Choosing Teachers. Has the principal of a high school in Virginia any voice in the selection of teachers? J. H. J.

So much that the average school board would be likely to give a deal of weight to any suggestion the principal might make. He has no legal status in the matter.

Rates to Panama. Can you give me the rates and days of sailing from New York to Panama? C. O. A.

Rate is \$15.00 to \$26.50, according to vessel and location. Schedules are complicated too much for reproduction here. You may get copy from your postmaster or postmaster of New York.

Question of Propriety. Please publish in your next Sunday's paper as to whether it is proper for a man to wear his fraternity pin at a formal occasion (dress affair), unless such affair is given in honor of lodge which this button represents. AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

No.

Population. Please publish in your Sunday edition the population of Roanoke, Lynchburg and Petersburg, respectively. Would like to know the best estimate you have of present population of each. Truly yours, A SUBSCRIBER.

By the census of 1900 the population was as follows: Roanoke, 21,435; Lynchburg, 18,591; Petersburg, 21,810. We have no statistics as to present population.

Cows and Onions. My cow gets wild onions in the grass lot. Can anything be given her, or put in the milk, to prevent the butter tasting of onions? AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

The only way we know is to keep the cow from the onions.

Translations. Please publish in your Query Column the definition of "en passant" and "Deo vindice." Also, Queen Victoria's family or surname. A CONSTANT READER.

1. In passing. The form is what the Latin grammar calls ablative absolute.

2. Queen Victoria was originally Miss Azo von Este. She was descended, as were the other members of the house of Brunswick-Lamburg and Hannover, from Azo, Margrave of Este, King Edward VII, the son of Prince Albert of Sax-Coburg, has, naturally, his father's family name. Descended from the Wettins, a line founded in the twelfth century, his actual name is Albert Edward Wettin.

School Decorations. Where may I obtain the following pictures, etc., for the walls of my schools: portraits of Washington, Fortunate, Old Point, New News, Claremont and James River landings connecting at Old Point for Washington, Baltimore and the North. Statehouse reserved for the night at moderate prices on Pocahontas. Electric cars direct to the wharf. Fare, \$1.50 and \$1. Norfolk. Through excursion tickets on sale at Richmond Transfer Co., 819 E. Main Street, 808 East Main Street, or on wharf or steamer. Round Trip, \$2.50.

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Pensions. Kindly inform me through the Query Column of your Sunday paper what Confederate soldiers are entitled to pensions in Virginia, and oblige.

AN OLD CONFEDERATE.

The pension act applies to natives of Virginia who enlisted from this or any other State in the military or naval service of the Confederate States, and who is at the date of his application for pension a citizen and actual resident of Virginia. Pensions are paid as follows:

Class A—To every person who has lost

two eyes, or two feet, or two hands, or a hand and a foot, by reason of wounds received, or surgical operation therefor, while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier, sailor or marine of Virginia in the War Between the States, the sum of \$100 per annum.

Class B—To every person who has lost an arm, or a leg, or a foot, or a hand, while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier, sailor or marine of Virginia in the said war, the sum of \$50 per annum.

Class C—To every person who is disabled by wounds received, or surgical operation therefor, while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier, sailor or marine of Virginia in the said war, or is disabled by disease, if such disability be proven to be total, the sum of \$20 per annum, and if such disability be proven to be partial, the sum of \$15 per annum.

Class D—To every person who was loyal and true as a soldier, sailor or marine of Virginia during the said war, and who by reason of the injuries of age has become disabled and incapable of earning a livelihood, if such disability be proven to be total, the sum of \$25 per annum, and if such disability be proven to be partial, the sum of \$15 per annum.

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Continental Currency. Will "Fionchontas," who lately asked about Continental notes please send name and address again?—Editor.

Joseph G. Cannon. Come forth and behold him, the Grand Old Standpatter.

Whose mind is so fearfully plain. Desires him all logic seems mad as a butter.

And only the Tariff looks sane. First reared on a farm, with an old-fashioned notion.

Or duty to honor's last ditch. To stand like a rock in his simple notion.

A staunch, honest friend to the Rich. When rural admirers grow genial and think on.

The Shura Acres cut of his chin. They really compare him to Abraham Lincoln—

And that's where delusions come in. Enthusiasts laud him from belfry to steeple.

Forgetting the truth, as they must. That statesmen are seldom so close to the people.

As when they are hugging some Trust. So, when he's at rest from Congressional duties.

To rook him the populace flow: Strong men from Frock Centre and Keg county banties.

And babies to kiss Uncle Joe. With togas of homespun his shoulders they kiver.

Which moves the avuncular heart. So deeply and well that he's forced to deliver.

His favorite Lecture on Art. "The High Art," he says, "both enlightens and broadens."

Wherever the High Tariff whoops. I ain't so darn stuck on that feller Saint-Gaudens.

But say, I like Roger's groups! "And why to them foreign-made drawings and sketches."

Do free-born Americans smirk? If Europe feels proud of her paintings and carvings.

We're proud of our Burnt Leather Work! Thus high-angle fire at the ramparts of Denby.

The mouth of the Cannon doth dart. Though Ruskin, perhaps, rested art upon duty.

J. C. puts a duty on Art. Wallace Irwin in Collier's for March 2d.

Gas and Its Centenary. Gas as a practical illuminant passed the century mark on January 23, 1807. On that day, in 1807, there was in London "a new and singular spectacle" according to the account of a visitor, the whole range of Pall Mall, from St. James's to Cockspur Street, was lighted up by gas.

The merit of the enterprise is due to Wilsor, a German company promoting expert, who was specially interested in the question of economic fuel. His pamphlets, however, contained so much extravagant and quackery that they retarded rather than furthered his schemes, which met with an extraordinary amount of opposition, even from enlightened people.

Sir Walter Scott wrote that there was a madman, pursuing a high London with smoke. Awful consequences were predicted. The gas would poison the air and blow up the inhabitants; it was expensive, dangerous, offensive and unhygienic; the pipes conveying it would manage; the pipes conveying it would manage; the pipes conveying it would manage.

The lamplighters to a man opposed the new mode of street lighting, and it is curious to notice the great hesitation as to its possibility expressed in contemporary scientific and popular journals.

When a chartered company was at length formed in 1810 the shareholders were plied with idiots, and David Pollock, for thirty years its governor, received some extraordinary answers in doggerel rhyme from otherwise sober and staid individuals whom he had asked to take shares.—Chicago News.

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8:20 P. M.—Daily—Byrd St. Through.

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8:25 A. M.—Week Days—Byrd St. Through.

11:50 A. M.—Week Days—Byrd St. Through.

12:20 P. M.—Daily—Main St. Through.

1:25 P. M.—Daily—Main St. Through.

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